

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the published version of this application which is US 2008/0231003, please correct the following paragraph **[0081]** (which corresponds to paragraph [0040] on page 23 of the specification as originally filed) to read:

— **[0081]** In this respect, although the above-described embodiment is an example of preferred embodiments according to the present invention, the present invention is not limited thereto, but can be carried out by modifying in various ways without departing from the gist of the invention. Depending on, for example, a requirement for space savings within the vehicle compartment 17 or for the design or the like, there may be provided a dust cover 1 for a steering shaft in which the bush 2 is in advance obliquely arranged with respect to an installation panel 19 as shown in FIGS. 6 to 8. In FIGS. 6 to 8, component elements identical to those in the above-described embodiment are designated by the identical reference numerals. In examples shown in FIGS. 6 to 8, the first bellows ~~[[3a]]~~ 3a' and the second bellows ~~[[3b]]~~ 3b' are formed as a separate member respectively, and are to be integrally combined by fitting in the end portions of the first bellows ~~[[3a]]~~ 3a' and the second bellows ~~[[3b]]~~ 3b' on their mutual outer periphery side. For example, the outer peripheral end of the first, second bellows ~~3a, 3b~~ 3a', 3b' is oblong, and they are fitted in each other with the reinforcement member ~~[[6]]~~ 6' interposed therebetween. The outer peripheral end of the second bellows ~~[[3b]]~~ 3b' has an oblong tubular portion ~~[[31a]]~~ 31a' which abuts against the inner peripheral surface of the column hole formed on the panel 19, and the outer peripheral end of the first bellows ~~[[3a]]~~ 3a' has an oblong flange portion ~~[[31b]]~~ 31b' which abuts against the peripheral edge of the column hole formed on the

panel 19. In the tubular portion ~~[[31a]]~~ 31a' of the second bellows ~~[[3b]]~~ 3b', there is fitted a reinforcement member ~~[[6]]~~ 6', and a collar ~~[[6a]]~~ 6a' of the reinforcement member ~~[[6]]~~ 6' is fitted in the flange portion ~~[[31b]]~~ 31b' of the first bellows ~~[[3a]]~~ 3a'. Thereby, each outer peripheral end of the first bellows ~~[[3a]]~~ 3a' and the second bellows ~~[[3b]]~~ 3b' is integrally combined, and these outer peripheral ends which are made integral become an installation portion ~~[[31]]~~ 31' to be fitted in the panel 19. Thus, a portion for extending on the inner periphery side from each outer peripheral end of the first, second bellows ~~3a, 3b~~ 3a', 3b' supports the projected portion ~~8a, 8b~~ 8a', 8b' obliquely to the panel 19, whereby the bush 2 is supported obliquely to the panel 19 by the fixed portion ~~32a, 32b~~ 32a', 32b' of the first, second bellows ~~3a, 3b~~ 3a', 3b', and the steering shaft 20 is supported by the bush 2 such that it becomes oblique to the panel 19 initially. When a plurality of bellows ~~[[3a]]~~ 3a' and ~~[[3b]]~~ 3b' are made separate from each other as described above, and when the main body ~~[[30]]~~ 30' of dust seal is formed using a mold, there is an advantage that pattern draw becomes easier. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 6 the projected portions 8a', 8b' of the first and second bellows 3a', 3b' also has inclined portions 9a', 9b' and apex portions 10a', 10b'. --